

Dear Community Leader,

Thank you for your interest in The Marietta Let Freedom Ring Parade. The Fourth in the Park Festival includes arts and crafts, carnival games, entertainment, food concessions and an evening concert/fireworks display. The Festival promotes tourism, community spirit, quality family fun, and attracts an estimated crowd of 80,000.

The parade features 100 entries and nearly 2,000 participants and will begin at 10:00 a.m. on **Saturday**, **July 3**, **2010** at the Roswell Street Baptist Church. The float contest theme is "America, from Sea to shining Sea". Organizations are encouraged to enter a float in the parade as it adds additional excitement and flavor to the parade.

Cobb Community Transit is providing a shuttle service from Cobb County Police Headquarters (end of parade) back to the staging area. Parade participants are encouraged to utilize this service, as vehicles *will not* be permitted in the disbanding area to pick up participants. The shuttle service will run from 10:45 - 12:30 p.m.

We are extremely excited about this year's event and hope your organization will join us in celebrating our nation's birthday. Enclosed is the parade application. Complete the application in its entirety and return to the parade committee by May 28, 2010, 5:00 p.m. Applications will not be accepted after the deadline. If you have any questions please call 770-794-5601.

Hooray for the USA,

Maggi Moss Special Events Coordinator Marietta Parks and Recreation